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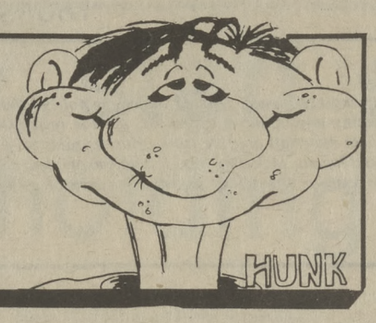

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FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD—Terry Innuso (left) gets her serving from Kathy Hoszu of Valley's Parent Interest Club at last week's ASU club membership drive.

District enrollment declines; tuition, early start blamed

By MARY CRONIN, Editor-in-Chief

Enrollment for just about all classes at Valley and throughout the L. A. Community College District closed last Friday, and the preliminary numbers indicate a significant loss of students.

With the exception of Mission College, all the colleges in the district declined in enrollment at least ten percent. L.A. Trade-Technical College's enrollment numbers are down at least 17 percent, and L.A. Southwest's numbers reflect a staggering 25 percent enrollment drop.

There are "three or four significant causes for Southwest's decline in registration, according to Jess Craig, their assistant dean of admissions and records.

"The fees have certainly had an effect, as has the early calendar date. And I'm wondering if the availability of classes and type of classes offered are not suited to the community."

Mission College, said Raul Cordoza, assistant dean of admissions and records, registered about the same number of students as last year. According to Cordoza, their early numbers showed a loss of students, but "a majority of our students are women, and a high percentage of them have children. We expected them to register late, and sure enough, registration picked up quickly after grade schools started."

Valley enrolled a little over 18,000 students, which represents a decline of a little over ten percent from last year, according to John Barnhart, assistant dean of admissions and records.

Barnhart blamed the drop on "two major factors: the early start date and the instatement of fees.

"A lot of people did not want to start early—mothers, for example. The early start doesn't agree with anything. And a lot of people did not want to pay $50. Some students didn't realize that one class doesn't cost $50.

Dr. Mary Lee, Valley president, said, "The 18,000 number is a little above what I had expected." Weekly student contact hours (WSCH) upon which funding is based, however, "is lower than I had expected."

"Students are apparently taking fewer units. We have a greater drop in WSCH than we do in enrollment, and that is unusual, she said.

Also of concern to Lee is the drop in the number of students taking six units. "The six-unit group in continuing students dropped the most and I have a feeling that that is directly related to the enrollment fee," she said.

Students taking five or less units pay $5 a unit, but those taking six or more units are considered full-time students and must pay $50 a semester.

The number of continuing students taking six units has dropped about 50 percent, according to Lee, from about 3,600 last year to little more than 1,800 now.

On a more positive note, Lee said she was pleased with the number of new students who registered.

"The recruitment drive helped a lot. Our new students have increased in all categories."

According to Lee, Valley now has over 1,000 new students, compared to about 7,800 last year. On the other hand, continuing students dropped from over 16,000 to a little over 11,000.

The causes of the district-wide decline may take some time to analyze, said Norm Schneider, district director of communications services.

"It's too early to make any judgements. All we can say at this time is that there are a varied number of factors that may account for the drop in enrollment."

Schneider said that reacting negatively to the early start is a mistake.

"At the moment we may only be looking at the negative factors, but long-term there are some positive factors that we are not able to see right now, such as student retention over the Christmas holidays and the ease with which students will be able to transfer."

Mailroom, media services curtailed; budget cuts cause of understaffing

By LAURA TANIS, Assoc. View Editor

"I have worked on this campus and managed the mailroom for 20 years, and I have never seen such a disaster," said Johanna Each, Valley's mailroom clerk.

As a result of district budget cuts, Each has been working the mailroom without the aid of any student workers, creating a backlog of two weeks work.

"The mailroom is the central point for all the incoming and outgoing paperwork for offices, U.S. mail, and district mail," she said. "If we're backed up, all the other departments and offices are also backed up.

"When there's a backlog, it makes a delay for transcripts going in and out, veteran checks, and other checks that need to be mailed out."

Each posted a sign outside the mailroom door, requesting help. Ten instructors, also distressed by the problem, volunteered a few hours a day to help out.

"That's how people came to volunteer, as well as walking in and seeing the disaster area," Each said. "They've been marvelous. It's the only way we could function. I've been asking the administration what is happening, but there have been no answers."

The Instructional Media Services (IMS) office, like many other offices on campus, is sharing the same problem of understaffing.

The IMS provides films, video tapes, projectors, overhead projectors, tape recorders, and other material for use by instructors.

Two full-time and one part-time position have been cut from the program. The instructor in charge of media services, David May, was one who fell victim to the cuts.

Previously, there were five to six student workers in the IMS program. Now, there are none.

"Services have been cut because we just can't do as much as we did in the past," said Lloyd Stark, senior audio visual technician of IMS.

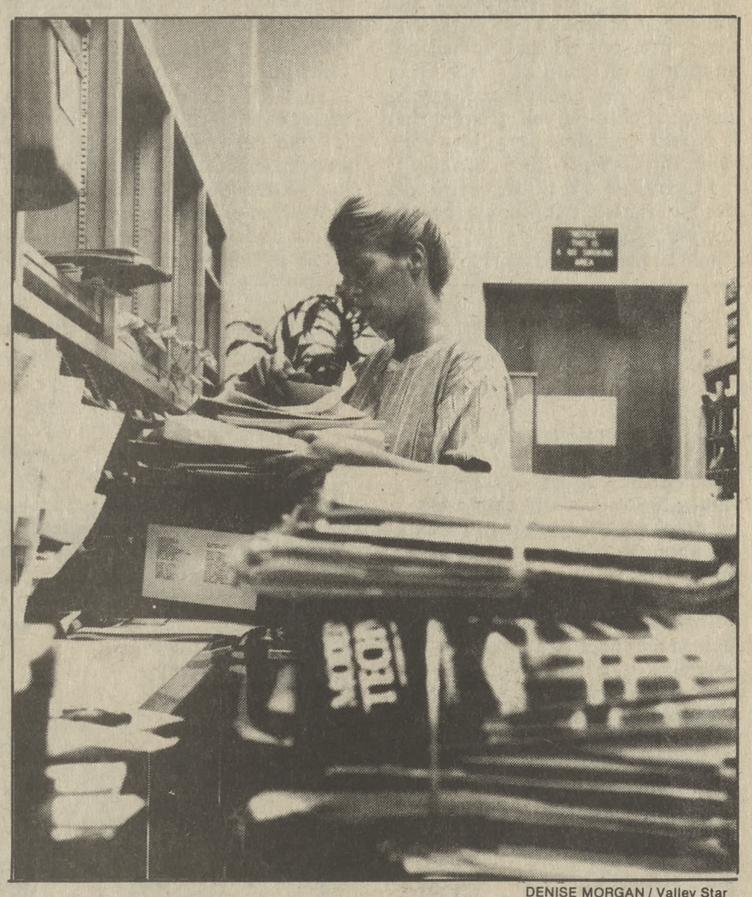
The IMS used to deliver instructional materials to classrooms. Now instructors pick up any needed material themselves.

Other discontinued services include videotaping, dubbing, editing, and slide reproduction.

"I don't like it," said Stark. "Let's face it, there's a lot of paperwork and nobody to do it. Sooner or later, it's going to create problems. We're doing the best we can with what we've got."

"I think it's probably hurting the evening instructors more than the day instructors because we're not open in the evenings anymore."

Before staffing cutbacks, the IMS was open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. It is now open until 4:30 p.m.



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SORTING SORTIE—Cassandra Carraway of the Health Science Department figures out who gets what in the mailroom, currently in the midst of an understaffing crisis

'Substantial improvement'

State, local budgets increase 10 percent

By MARY CRONIN, Editor-in-Chief

Increased funding for California's community colleges has generated optimism at the state, the district, and the campus levels, but that optimism is being tempered by concern for the schools' economic future.

The governor, apparently pleased with winning the tuition battle waged last year, approved funding in June for the community colleges for 1984-85 equivalent to ten percent above the 1983-84 level.

The state will spend about $157 million more on its community colleges than it did last year,and included in the program is $26.7 million for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and $23.6 million for Handicapped Students Programs and Services.

Gerald C. Hayward, chancellor of California's community colleges, said of the funding, "While it is less than the amount requested by the community colleges, the budget the governor has signed represents a substantial improvement over last year's funding. I am hopeful that this budget signals the beginning of fair funding for the community colleges."

The L.A. Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees approved a final budget of $220,030,040, an approximate ten percent increase over 1983-84.

While not faced with the fiscal nightmare of last year when state funding was held up until January, district officials are nonetheless concerned.

Enrollment figures, to which the state funding formula is tied, are declining, and the projected ten to fifteen percent drop in this fall's registration numbers could spell financial disaster for the district in 1985-86.

District Chancellor Dr. Leslie Koltai called the problem "a serious challenge" and has begun a campaign to develop alternative programs to bolster enrollment.

"Every effort is being made to rebuild enrollment within the boundaries of quality education," he said.

"Each of the nine colleges is currently planning a variety of special sessions, including winter and spring intersession."

Koltai said that solving the fiscal dilemma facing the district will take "a great deal of planning and work."

Valley's budget for this school year is set at $17,326,571, and while administrators are thankful to have last year's financial debacle behind them, they are also guarded in their optimism.

Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell said the budget looks more stable than it did last year...but we're still struggling, and the district as a whole is struggling."

Breckell said that, while the budget and staffing plan look set right now, contract talks between faculty and staff workers could change that.

"I don't know where we're going to end up as a result of negotiations. If they (the district) don't have enough budgeted for salary increases, they're going to have to come back to the colleges and get more money out of their budgets for the salary increases. If they have set aside more than enough, then maybe they'll distribute some money."

While Breckell admits that "the employees have gone pretty much a long time without a reasonable cost-of-living increase", she is thankful

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Hayward to resign as state chancellor

By MARY CRONIN, Editor-in-Chief

California Community College Chancellor Gerald C. Hayward announced his intention to retire next July at last week's Board of Governor's meeting in Los Angeles.

Hayward, who has served as chancellor for the past five years, said that his decision was a personal one and not a result of the ongoing financial troubles facing the colleges.

Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Dr. Leslie Koltai, in a written statement, said, "Chancellor Hayward's resignation leaves me with a great sense of regret. Over the past several years, I have come to know and respect Mr. Hayward and have enjoyed a close professional and personal relationship. He is a man who is deeply concerned about community colleges and his understanding and congenial presence will be sorely missed."

The state's community colleges have undergone dramatic changes during Haywards years as chancellor.

The passage of Proposition 13 took control of the colleges out of the hands of local officials and put it into those of the legislature.

So-called avocational and recreational classes, such as cooking and crafts, which were once offered free in the schools, were relegated to "community services" status and are now offered on a fee basis.

The most drastic change came last year, when, after a long and bitter legislative struggle, tuition was instated in the colleges for the first time in their 77-year history.

When that argument was resolved, Hayward began a campaign to clarify the direction that the colleges should take in the future.

"The lack of consensus regarding the mission of the community colleges is an important cause of uncertainty and instability," wrote Hayward in July's "Community College News."

"Even if the economy stays strong, and even if the colleges are adequately financed in the future, our institutions are likely to remain in turmoil from the constant, the multi-directional policy changes that we ourselves are partially responsible for fomenting."

Board of Governors President David Kieffer said that a committee will be set up immediately to search for a replacement for Hayward.

Koltai had "no comment" regarding the possibility that he might be interested in applying for the position.

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Once and for all

We applaud L.A. Municipal Court Judge Suzanne Person on her decision last week imposing a long and fitting jail term on a Los Angeles man convicted of driving while intoxicated more than 20 times. The sentence of almost ten years is "unprecedentd anywhere," according to City Attorney Ira Reiner.

It is a service to all the decent people in this nation when judges deal with drunk drivers in a manner such as this.

The time has come for all responsible citizens to combat the carnage that plagues our highways. We must oppose with not only our hearts, but with all our available resources the drunken drivers—these menaces to society who kill 500 men, women, and children, and injure 20,000 more every week.

Recent federal intervention, initiated by President Reagan, forcing all states to raise their minimum drinking age to at least 19, or face the loss of highway funding by the federal government shows renewed leadership on the issue.

Some local legislation currently before our lawmakers show great promise, such as preannounced road checkpoints where police officers would verbally assess passing motorists for sobriety.

We also support the idea of reducing from .10 percent to .08 percent the alcohol blood level at which point a driver is considered legally too intoxicated to be operating a vehicle.

We all need to look at what we, as individuals, can do in our daily lives to help reduce the current crisis.

First, we could take offensive measures such as wearing seatbelts when riding in an automobile, whether as driver or passenger.

Second, follow the advice of the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Upon seeing what you believe to be a drunk driver, mentally note direction of travel, license number, and, if possible, a description of the situation. Call this information in to the nearest CHP office from the nearest telephone or highway callbox.

Support of organizations which stay abreast of current legislation such as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) is, in our opinion, a very positive step we can all take.

We must all wake up, once and for all, to the seriousness of this situation and start a nationwide recovery.

Finally, let us stand behind the courts that are putting behind bars the drunk drivers who are bent on destroying themselves and all who unknowingly cross their paths.

Letters to the Star

Centralized chaos

Editor:

Stand back and move over, the Financial Aid Dept. is centralizing! What this means boys and girls is that all the bothersome processing of forms, wearisome packaging of claims, worrisome issuing of checks will all be done by one handy-dandy little office.

What fun! Why the idea fairly reeks of bureaucratic efficiency. And, just as soon as they figure out what they're doing, and how they're supposed to do it, I'm fairly sure they'll get it done—maybe.

I receive financial aid, it enables me to go to school. I'm grateful for the chance it brings.

And so with all my forms signed and requirements met, I dutifully prepared to wait. (The largest and hardest portion of one's effort is spent at this.) Usually I could have expected a check within weeks.

But when I cheerfully asked for a measure of the wait I could expect, I was told by the overworked and under-appreciated office staff, that the central powers that be had not let them in on that little secret. Or in fact when they could expect any issuance of checks at all. (Except that it would probably be a *very long time*. But—ahem—keep checking.)

It seems no one at the central office had figured out a way to get the keypunching done, so, no checks could be printed and issued. Details, details. Whoever initiated this drive for efficiency in the future obviously forgot its practical applications in the present.

Now it seems to me that such basics should have been among the first of considerations in planning the move (assuming they did such a thing) to provide for the completion of necessary tasks once the old system was abandoned.

"Whoever initiated this drive for efficiency in the future obviously forgot its practical application."

If I'm told I can expect to receive aid, shouldn't I also reasonably expect that the department entrusted to carry out the mechanics of the program fulfill its duties first. Regardless of the grand schemes of its officials, the duties of the financial aid department, the very function for which it was created, was and is the distribution of financial aid.

What can you say about the administrators of a department, that through lack of adequate organization, fail to carry out its most basic function.

Such a failure displays, to my mind, either a huge lack of concern for the needs and welfare of the students entrusted to them, or a virtual wellspring of incompetence.

Well, until this confusion lifts, to fellow students shuffled off into the limbo of centralization; and to the local financial aid workers who are blameless and as equally in the dark (but get to be the bearers of bad news) I offer my sympathies. Right now, much more than that I can't afford to give.

Lisa Cox

Student identification

Editor:

My compliments to Mr. Paul Antonio Hernandez for his recent letter to the editor (see *Star* Aug. 30 issue) regarding the issue of the social security number.

That has been my position since I became a member of the Board of Trustees.

I have always opposed the issue of social security number as a student number and when I registered for a class at one of our colleges, I refused to give my social security number and was assigned an arbitrary number instead.

It may seem like a small item to the majority of people, but your social security number is between you and the government and when you willingly give it to any and all, people can request that number and provide access by computer to information about you that is no one else's business.

I wish there were more Paul Antonio Hernandezes attending our colleges.

Monroe F. Richman, M.D.
Member, Board of Trustees

Politicizing religion

Dear Editor:

President Reagan has recently charged that those who are opposed to prayer in schools are intolerant of religion.

That is a very serious charge, and it is totally wrong.

Does the President really think that the dozens of Baptist, Episcopalian, Jewish, Lutheran, Unitarian, Methodist and Presbyterian groups who have fought against prayer in the public schools are really trying to undermine the importance of religion in American life?

What the President is calling for is a violation of the principles of separation of religion and government. He is attacking a cornerstone of American freedom.

"He only talks about religion when he wants to impress his political followers."

I wish that President Reagan would respect the religious sensibilities of millions of Americans who take their religion seriously and, precisely for that reason, believe that the place for religious prayer and practice is in the home and church or synagogue and not in the public schools.

It seems to me that President Reagan is a religious hypocrite. There is no evidence that he regularly takes part in any organized religion. He never attends church services anywhere. He only talks about religion when he wants to impress his political followers. Now he wants to impose religious practices on children in the public schools.

I believe that Ronald Reagan's religious distortions are dangerous for America.

Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein
LAVC, Hillel Director

Parking lot speed demons

Editor:

This is my fourth year as a student at Valley College and among my many observations has been the driving habits in the student parking lots.

Every year, the parking lots have progressively become more dangerous, but I fear that soon they will be mistakenly titled Valley College Racetrack.

I feel that it's necessary to bring the 8-mile-per-hour speed limit to the attention of the student body.

There are many logical reasons for having an 8 mph speed limit, the most obvious being safety.

The parking lots are filled with pedestrians, posing as students, who are easily run over by speeding hot rods.

The Child Development Center, located in the middle of parking lot D is busy with the activity of small children being dropped off and picked up, another potential danger.

Of course, there are always those drivers who unexpectedly pull out of a parking space without looking behind them. Many drivers spot a parking space from miles away and race in front of whole lines of cars to snag the space.

All of these potential hazards require safer driving habits.

Michelle Wassell

Tuition: Less for more

Editor:

Once again, the administration of this college and the district as a whole, have demonstrated their regard for the students and faculty by instituting more budget and service cuts, while lining their own pockets with pay raises.

The fact that we students are forced to pay tuition is bad enough. Our voices were not heard in Sacramento in February. But it is worse when we can't even realize a marginal return on our investments, when needed services and minimal maintenance are cut.

Obviously, we are throwing money out the window, and this experiment has failed. Paying more for nothing is not a successful way to preserve the future of our community colleges.

Theresa Moore

Indulging in true obsessions

By JENNIFER KONZE, View Editor

When she decided to take advantage of one of my employees by grabbing his genitalia, I was not about to have her stay in my store.

I work at a place called Fotozines where "we put your face on the cover of a magazine." Fotozines is a location inside a local amusement park. Although amusement parks tend to attract a strange crowd, we at Fotozines always get the cream of the crop.

This woman was just one of many suggestive and odd guests that have graced our store. After she had handled my employee and given him her "calling card," she expressed a desire for him to meet her other two roommates.

Needless to say, he declined the proposition and quickly exited to the darkroom. I didn't see him until closing time.

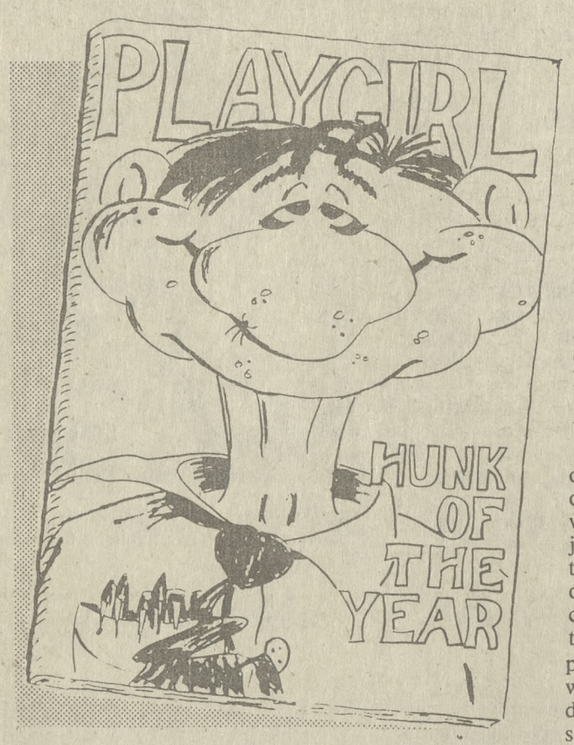
Among the magazine covers we carry, *Playgirl* is one of the most popular. With this we have some trouble.

Every once in a while we'll get a group of women who get all hot under the collar because we don't have *Playboy* .

"But you have *Playgirl* , why don't you have *Playboy*?"one woman said, becoming progressively upset.

"We have to get permission from the publisher in order to reprint the cover," we always reply. This usually calms them down.

As much as I'd like to get the magazine in, I can only foresee problems such as: "What do you mean I can't take my top off?"



It has been proven in the past that a lot of people who do a Fotozine have no shame. In fact, the kinkier the picture the more the customer likes it.

One of our covers, *True Confessions*, has been portrayed as a "Let's get the whips and chains out" magazine. We have grown accustomed to automatically offering the whips and chains whenever we do the cover.

But it really worries me when a couple who could be described as middle class "white bread" Americans immediately ask for the chains and proceed to comment on how "primitive" they are.

Then, worst of all, we get the obnoxious types who think that just because they are going on a magazine cover they can tell the photographer what to do. We don't mind that so much but when they are continously moving and always looking in the mirror to check "their look," it can make an eight-hour shift seem like a week.

The biggest problem that we have with the set-up is that our lights are fixed into the ceiling and our camera has a set focus of one inch in depth.

This means that people who have dark or tanned skin look darker and people who have large noses will notice that the tip of the nose is out of focus.

Try explaining to a Black person that the reason he is dark is because he is dark. We always try to be safe by discouraging any dark clothing and using a lighter colored background.

We have never had a problem with people who have big noses. We usually tell them ahead of time that "we ony have an inch depth of field so we only focus on the eyes.That usually means that anything out of that range will be out of focus."

But, of all the people whom we take pictures of, there is no one better than a baby.

It is in this area that the more experienced photographers take the picture.

"Now," we say to the parents, "we need to keep him as still as possible (good luck with any child). I'll try to get little Brian (who is two months old) to smile."

Here comes the guesswork and experience. Little Brian is not a perfect child. Not only did he burp up his dinner onto his shirt, he is also refusing to cooperate (not an uncommon problem).

We think he's in focus . . . the film goes in . . . we hold our breath . . . scratch his tummy. . .he smiles faintly . . . click!

The we wait about 10 to 15 minutes for the picture to come out. The odds are in our favor, but every once in a while we don't get it.

But when it comes out right, there is not a better feeling.

LETTERS

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Faculty, staff salaries still in holding pattern

By MARY CRONIN, Editor-in-Chief

Negotiations between the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) and both the faculty and staff guilds of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) are still stalled.

According to mathematics Professor Phillip Clarke, Valley representative on the AFT negotiating team, district officials continue to insist that since state funding is dependent on enrollment, any salary negotiations must wait until late October when the second student census is complete.

"We meet every Friday, but not too much takes place except for discussions regarding fringe benefits," said Clarke.

"They have not made any serious proposals."

Valley's AFT Faculty Guild Chapter Chair Sylvia Lubow, said the union contends that "the district has a fairly good perception now" of their fiscal situation.

"Even with the strain, there still is money. If they are really serious, they would sit down with us."

Union negotiation teams have asked for $600-a-month raises for faculty and $1.50-an-hour increases for staff workers, and have been unable to get district representatives to make any formal, written counterproposals.

Jim Hardesty, AFT Faculty Guild vice president said that "AFT negotiators will continue to meet to try to get counterproposals in writing." He also said that a committee is being formed "to consider all possible action" regarding the deadlock.

Hardesty said that the committee will analyze possibilities and bring suggestions to the Executive Committee.

Although the idea of a strike against the district has not been ruled out, Lubow said that it would only be a "culmination of prior actions, such as a slow-down, sick-outs, informational picketing, board presentations, and discussions with individual board members. But a strike is always an option.

"Discontent of faculty is as high as it has ever been," said Lubow. "I can't see anything but the faculty taking strong concerted action."

Valley instructional assistant Barbara Kleinschmitt, who is president of the AFT Staff Guild and a member of its negotiation team, declined to discuss the talks, due to their "sensitive nature."

A salary schedule settlement between the union and the district for 1983-84 was not reached until late last May, when faculty was given a 3.5 percent increase retroactive to March 25, 1984, and staff workers were given a 3.75 percent increase retroactive to March 18, 1984.

This was the first salary raise for both groups in almost three years. District payment of these raises was supposed to be made this summer, but, as yet, checks have still not been received by either faculty or staff workers.

DAVID BOHRER / Valley Star

ROOTING OUT THE FACTS—Professor Ronald H. Bigelow edifies his morning botany students of a characteristic of a tree outside the Business Journalism Building. Bigelow routinely takes his students on campus tours to study the various plant life.

Council tries to cancel; ASU president peeved

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Assoc. News Editor

Abandoning his usual calm and mild temperament, ASU President Shawn Ulibarri sharply condemned members of the Executive Council for trying to cancel Tuesday's meeting so they could hear presidential candidate Walter Mondale speak at USC.

Ulibarri said that "the council members should not have made other arrangements for their own selfish reasons. I would have liked to hear Mondale speak, but we have a responsibility here at Valley. This is where we should be. I thought they stood for a little more then that."

After his brief scolding of some council members, Ulibarri called the meeting to order. In his next order of business, Ulibarri motioned that Doreen Waldman should be removed from the office of commissioner of social activities because she has missed the maximum amount of meetings that is allowed. The motion was passed, and the commissioner of social activities is now open for new candidates. Those interested in this new office can contact any member of the excutive council for information in the ASU office.

Vice president Frank Tullo said that the turnout for last week's club membership drive day was excellent.

"We had 450 new members sign up for membership among the 17 clubs that participated. Some of the clubs actually raised some money! The Asian Club raised $150 by selling egg rolls. I am very pleased at the outcome," said Tullo.

Tullo has also said that Valley president Mary Lee has given the okay for Monte Carlo night. Dates have not been set, but more information will be coming in the next few weeks.

He also asked for volunteers to help with the blood drive coming in Oct. 11 and 12, stating that people are needed to help sign up blood donors and to help with general procedings.

In other ASU business, Andy Vaughan was voted in as commissioner of handicapped awareness. Other members voted in as permanent officers were Laura Leganza, commissioner of womens' concerns and Carol Gee, commissioner of scholastic activites.

New information pertaining to Homecoming game activities has been quite positive. According to Tullo, Granada Hills and Monroe High School bands have volunteered their services for the night, and the Spirit Club has reorganized the cheerleaders for the Homecoming festivities.

"We are very positive about the outcome of Homecoming," said Tullo.

He also stated that the Homecoming dance should be quite successful.

"We are looking forward to a wonderful time for all who participate," said Tullo.

Perspective

New dean travels new roads

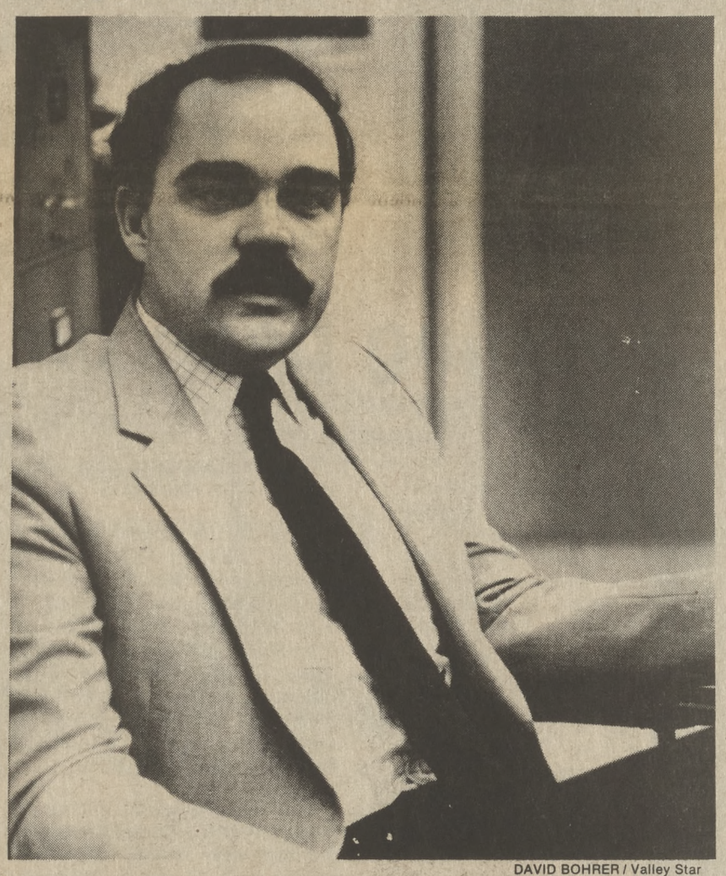
By FRANN BART, Opinion Editor

Robert Sprague is a well-traveled man.

Strictly speaking, he's been around the world. And now, with his recent appointment as Valley's dean of instruction, he's also come full circle in the world of the L.A. community college system.

Young and articulate, Sprague, 35, began his journeying early on, living in different countries as an "airforce brat."

After receiving his masters degree in English literature from Hunter College in New York, he covered another area—teaching—at the University of Hawaii, Pierce, and West L.A. College. He then joined up as part of the L.A. Community College District's (LACCD) overseas college, Metropolitan, which recently closed.



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During his stint as an area director of Metropolitan, Sprague lived in Japan and Korea ("great experiences"), and then in 1983 moved directly to his next post at district offices as program development specialist in the Office of Occupational and Technical Education.

"I honed my administrative skills at Metropolitan," he said. "In Asia there was no administrative support close by. The district experience really helped also."

That experience was received by working for a year assisting five of the eight district colleges obtain VEA (Vocational Education Act) funds as well as other funding sources for vocational on-campus training programs.

Attempting to match the needs of local businesses with qualified students, Sprague helped the colleges purchase state-of-the-art equipment once the funds were obtained.

The next step was putting together programs whereby local companies would commit funds for instruction in the specific job skills they needed. Upon successful completion of the program, students would be hired by the company.

Now that he has left the district level, Sprague will be combining his vocational-related activities with those of a full-time dean.

Replacing former acting dean Frank Fisher, and thus ending Valley's daytime dean shortage resulting from the budget cuts, Sprague, along with the other three deans, Phyllis Stones, Ernestine Palmer, and Lois Lewis, works with campus departments on curricula, ongoing programs, and academic scheduling.

He also will be responsible for obtaining VEA funds for Valley, ironically, working with the district once again, but on the other side of the fence.

The big difference, he said, will lie in the fact that he will be working strictly in Valley's interests and will be in partnership with chairpersons and faculty members for the purpose of preparing proposals for vocational programs.

Although Sprague's funding activities at Valley are theoretically secondary to his position as dean of instruction, he made it clear that vocational needs and academic curricula are closely related in the '80's.

"To stay current with high technology equipment we have to get supplemental funds other than from the district budget," he said. "Costs of equipment are increasing and there are shorter 'generations' of equipment."

But Sprague hasn't really strayed that far from his roots. In spite of his huge workload and the stress of adjusting to a new work environment, he's still teaching one night a week at West L.A. College.

His subject? Not a high level business course, but English 28—pre-composition and grammar. In the midst of all the sophisticated educational wheeling and dealing of his job, Sprague hasn't forgotten that future workforces won't travel far without the basics.

News Notes

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The library will be conducting a book sale every Friday from noon to 2 p.m. in the office of the head librarian. Quality hardcover books, but not textbooks, will be sold. Because of a recent large donation of art books, some exceptional buys can be made.

PATRONS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Patrons Assn. is accepting applications for their Fall '84 scholarships. Applicants must show financial need, have a program of at least 12 units (except nursing students who will be eligible with a 9.5 unit program), and have a 2.0 GPA. Applications can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office, CC100. Deadline is Oct. 19.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Womens's basketball has been changed from spring to fall. For tryout information, contact Coach Stephens in the Men's Gym.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

The College Democrats will meet today at 11 a.m. in Humanities 115. Discussion will center around campus Democratic strategies, fundraising activities and the possible appearance of Geraldine A. Ferraro, nominee for Vice-president, on Valley's campus. All are welcome.

MUSIC RECITAL

The Brostoff Jewish Arts Ensemble will perform today at ll a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

Budget . . .

(Continued from page 1)

that employees are not faced, as many were last year, with the threat of layoffs.

"We at least have our feet on the ground with a staffing plan. We don't have employees sitting out there thinking, "Well, maybe tomorrow I'm going to get a letter that tells me I'm transferred somewhere else. Basically, Virginia Mulrooney (District Vice-chancellor of Human Services) said there will be no layoffs, and our employees are going with that."

The layoff crisis may be over for now, but, according to Breckell, a basic problem still exists.

"In order to get back to being able to offer the kind of services that we feel we should be offering—not where we were before, but what we should be offering—we need more staff, and we just don't have that right now.

"We need more employees in the staffing plan. But, I don't know if that's possible with the funding we're getting from the state and locally.

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Nursing students. . . studying for our lives

By KEN McCALL, Staff Writer

With the avalanche of late 20th century technology, the role of nursing in medicine is being irrevocably changed, and the burden that nurses must carry in health care is growing.

If you want proof, just ask any Valley College nursing student about their workload.

"It's like a constant wall that you have to climb," said second-year student Chris Eisenring. "I've already taken three tests and two quizzes, and I've got three more major tests this week."

Not bad for five weeks of classes.

Eisenring, who works at night as an emergency room licensed vocational nurse (LVN), said he often studies at work when things are slow. "You have to study every chance you get," he said.

Alonzo Weedman, a first-year student who works full-time as a psychological technician for the Veteran's Administration, agrees.

"My social life has gone to pot," he said. "I have to study every spare minute. I go to the john at work, and I'm studying in there, too."

Second-year student Krystyna Rachwal said that during a half-hour lunch break from a test at their hospital, she and a group of students found themselves studying for another test the next day.

When Loretta Worthington, chairwoman of the Health Science department, calls the nursing program "very strenuous," she's not exaggerating. Besides the four and a half hours of lecture every week, first-year students are required to spend 13½ hours in an assigned hospital, and second-year students must spend 15 hours.

Then, of course, there's the studying.

"There's a lot of reality shock among first-year students because they aren't prepared for the demanding amount of time they'll have to study," said nursing faculty member and Health Science media coordinator Cassandra Carraway.

"We have a knowledge explosion in medicine," she said. "Ten years ago, this program was two years long—the same length that it is now, and you can imagine how much the knowledge has increased in that time."

All this knowledge has not only increased the burden of nursing students, but it has also changed the nature of the work they will be doing.

"There is a tremendous upheaval going on in the delivery of health care in this country," Worthington said. "The nurse is expected to do more, but their areas are becoming more defined, more specialized, and a great deal more technical.

Worthington said that, as the nurse's role has become more defined, more men are becoming interested in the profession.

Eisenring agreed. He said a lot of men are drawn to the high-tech, high-stress jobs like intensive care or cardiac care because these jobs are more demanding.

He started in medicine as a paramedic because he liked the excitement of working in emergency situations. He is now working as an emergency room LVN but wants to become an RN because he wants more responsibility.

"Some of the men I work with wouldn't be caught dead on the floor," he said. "Giving out meds and changing bedpans is okay for some people, but for others, it's just not a job."

Not all men feel this way, however.

First-year student Bud Boers said he chose nursing because he "wants to work with people." Boers was unable to walk for two and a half years after a near-fatal car crash and spent much of that time in hospitals.

As a result of this wrenching experience, Boers said he felt determined to become a nurse and more qualified to be one "because I understand the patient's need for compassion."

And how do the women feel?

"The guys add a nice touch," said Rachwal. "We get to be like brothers and sisters in this program."

She said that women nurses often appreciate the men's extra size and strength and not just for lifting heavy patients.

"I know a guy who saved a woman nurse," she said. "A patient was freaking out on PCP and attacked the woman. My friend came into the room and stopped him."

"The patient then proceeded to throw my friend across the room," she added with a laugh. "But at least no one was seriously hurt."

Rachwal said that the men were integrating well into the hospital setting. "Patients are learning that men can give just as much care as women."

Second-year student Sig Procyk agreed that men are being welcomed by their counterparts, but he said there are times when the patients' acceptance is not total, especially in pediatrics.

"The kids are really used to seeing a female as a nurse," he said. "Some older women also prefer female nurses and won't let a man in their room."

Procyk said that a number of women students told him that they were glad to see more men in the field because they hoped it would lead to an increase in pay.

Just how big is the pot of gold at the other end of this book-laden rainbow?

According to Worthington, the salaries are getting better and that, in turn, is attracting more men.

"Beginning salaries are getting as high as $22,000," she said. "They can support a family on that."

Of the 342 nursing students enrolled at Valley, she said, almost 13 percent are males, the highest figure yet.

In some ways, however, nursing hasn't changed a bit.

Although all of the students are looking forward to a favorable and world-wide job market, very few of the dozen students interviewed for this article said that money was their primary motivation for choosing nursing as a profession. Most of them said they were in nursing because they wanted to work with and help other people.

"It's been something I've wanted for so long," said first-year student Laurie Thompson. "The first day we were in the hospital working, there was an overwhelming sense of being needed and of appreciation for even the simple things."

But Weedman, who has been working as a psych-tech for seven years, thinks many nursing students are going to be disappointed with the realities of nursing.

"The only gratitude you get is financial," he said. "You don't get it from your co-workers or patients. The only time you hear from them is when you've done something wrong."

Weedman admitted that he was recently touched by a stroke victim under his care who was unable to talk but managed to express his thanks.

"If you can settle for one person in 100, then it'll be okay," he said.

Carraway agreed that there is a "tremendous" burn-out rate in nursing. She said that it takes a very giving person to stay in the profession for any length of time.

"I think a lot of nurses have a very spiritual side," she said.

With 342 students, Valley College has not only the largest associate degree (A.D.) nursing program in the state, but also one of the highest success rates.

Worthington said that 88 to 92 percent of all students pass the licensing test the first time, and all but an "insignificant amount" make it on the second attempt. She gives the credit for Valley's good reputation to the 22 faculty members.

"They're a very helping kind of faculty," she said. "They want the student to succeed and they help them to succeed."

Carraway said she likes teaching at Valley because the faculty is "very pro-student."

DENISE MORGAN / Valley Star

WITH INTENSIVE CARE—Nursing student Victoria Dennis works on charts during her shift at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital.

"I've worked at Pierce and I've subbed at City," she said, "and the teachers are not as involved there. Learning is more on the shoulders of the students."

"We view our role as a facilitator to help the working student, because that's our reality now," she said. "We all agree on that philosophy, and we've developed facilities like the media center and the lab and the tutoring program to help our students make it."

Although two of the students interviewed said they wished their instructors were more patient sometimes, they all said that the faculty in general does an outstanding job.

"The teachers are really caring," said Paula Weinberg, echoing the general sentiment. "They try to help as much as they can so we can learn as much as we can."

MAUREEN HALEY

Keeping pace on the night shift

By FRANN BART, Opinion Editor

The textbook was enormous, the notebook underneath only slightly less so. Somehow, managing to hold on to both with steady hands was petite and slender Maureen Haley, a second-year nursing student at Valley.

Haley, 22, cheerful and relaxed, seemed to take her rigorous training program in her stride.

Originally a physical therapy major at L.A. Pierce College, Haley left after one semester because of "too much math." It was then that she seriously considered applying for the nursing program here.

"I wanted to work in a hospital, but I kept thinking, "Gosh, that's (nursing) for smart people. I felt insecure at first."

Now in her second and last year ("finally"), Haley, who is especially interested in the maternity/obstetrics area of nursing, is kept busy with a steady round of "modules," (three-week intensive classes) two days a week on campus, as well as 16 hours a week at Cedars Sinai Hospital, where she receives on-the-job training on the night shift.

She also juggles an 18-hour-a-week job at the Burbank Central Library with church choir activities, and of course, studying --lots of it.

"I can handle the pace. They (my friends) all want me to get through it (the program). I have to be disciplined. My boyfriend makes me study, too."

After graduation, she said she will take the Boards, which will qualify her as an R.N. (registered nurse).

According to Haley, her interest in the maternity field stems from her love of children.

"I like it because it's happy most of the time. I like babies and watching them come into the world."

For her hospital work, which is supervised by the nursing instructors, Haley, as an advanced student, may administer to patients on her own. The students are allowed to give medication (with permission), take vital signs, change dressings and insert catheters, among other duties.

One wish Haley would like to materialize is to eventually work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank, in the maternity ward where she, ironically, was born.

And as for going out into the real world of life and death, Haley admits to being "a little scared. Aaah..they'll be no teachers there," she exclaimed. "But everyone feels that. It's just like any new job. Once you're in, you're fine."

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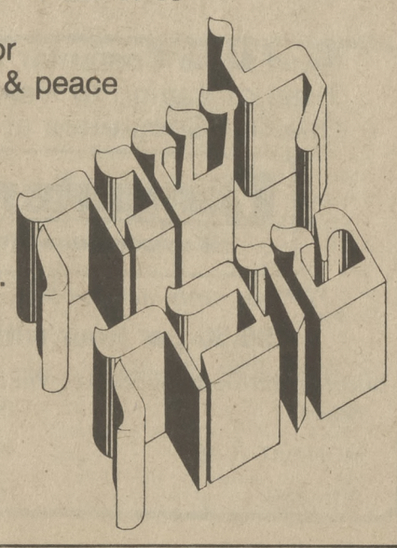

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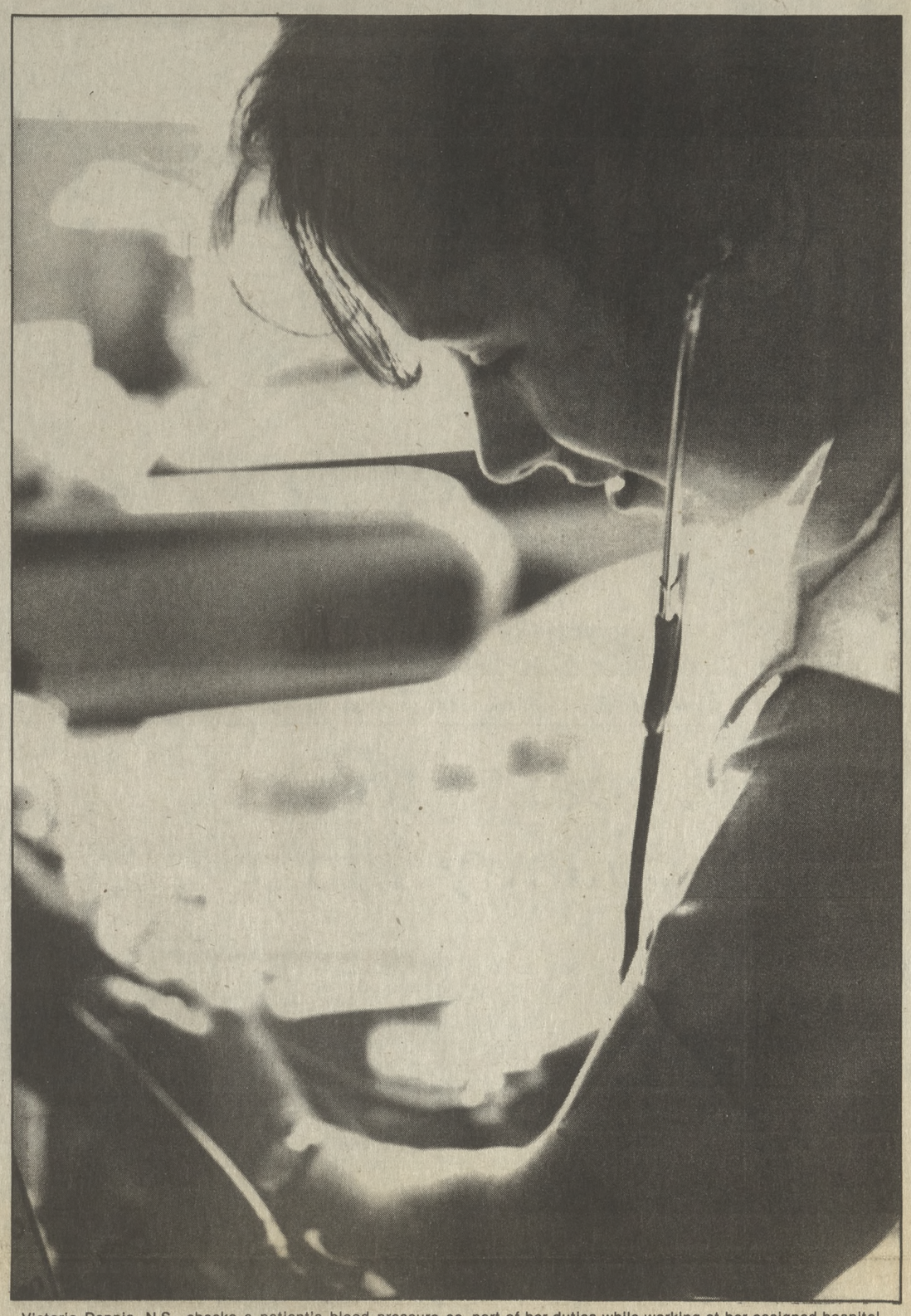
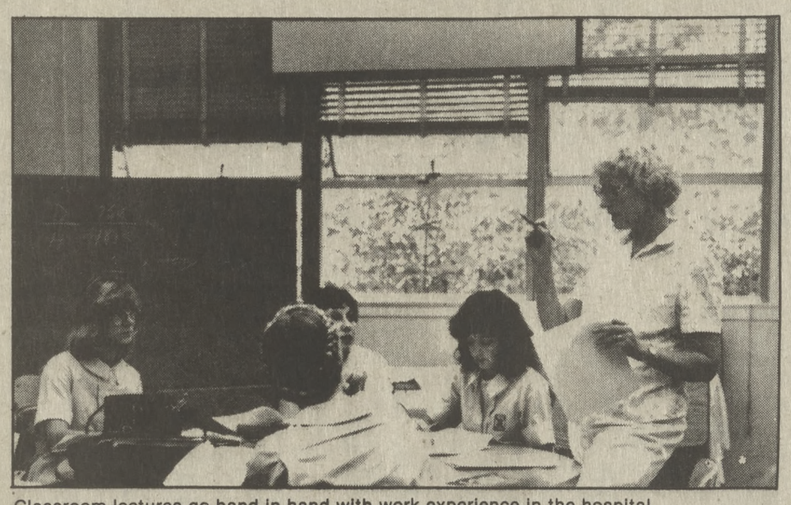
Preparing for a career of caring

Every year California's community colleges prepare more than 5,000 students to be registered nurses. Valley's program, which started in 1960, currently has 342 students enrolled. As part of their course load, student nurses are required to spend from 13½ to 15 hours per week working in an assigned hospital. Here are some of Valley's first-year students at work.

Nursing instructor Mary Lou Davis assists Lisa Vieri, N.S., with an injection on a practice dummy.



Victoria Dennis, N.S., checks a patient's blood pressure as part of her duties while working at her assigned hospital.



Classroom lectures go hand in hand with work experience in the hospital.

Bonnie Levine, LVN, demonstrates a procedure to Marsha White, N.S., while attending to a patient.

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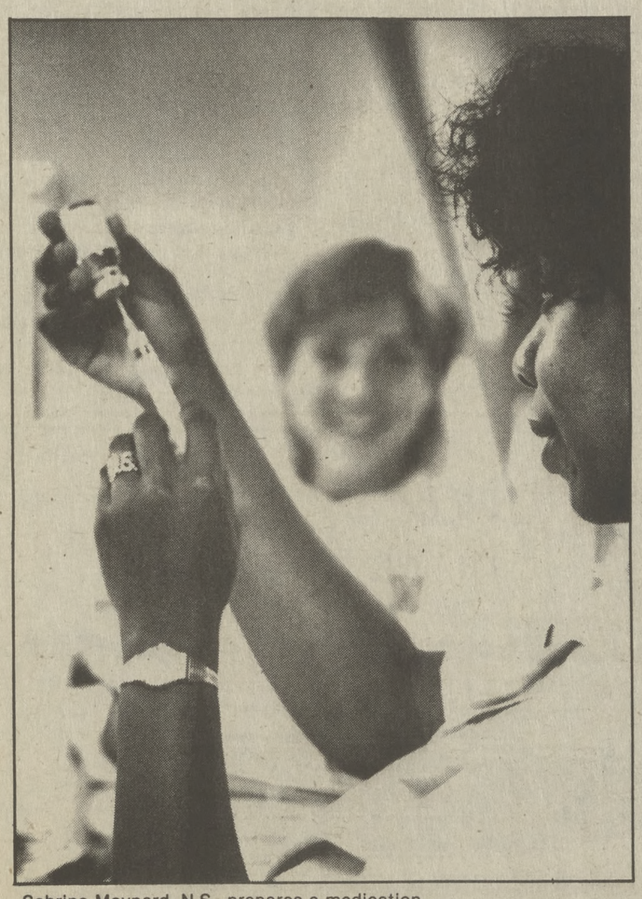
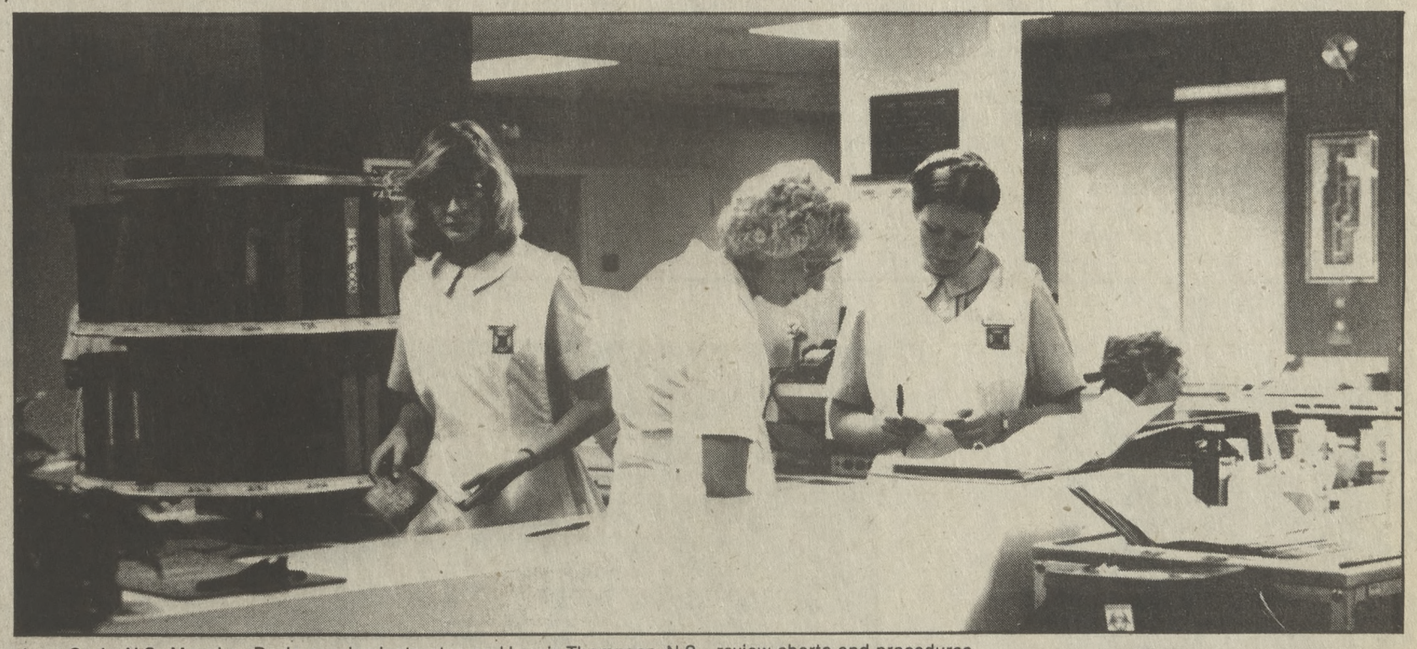
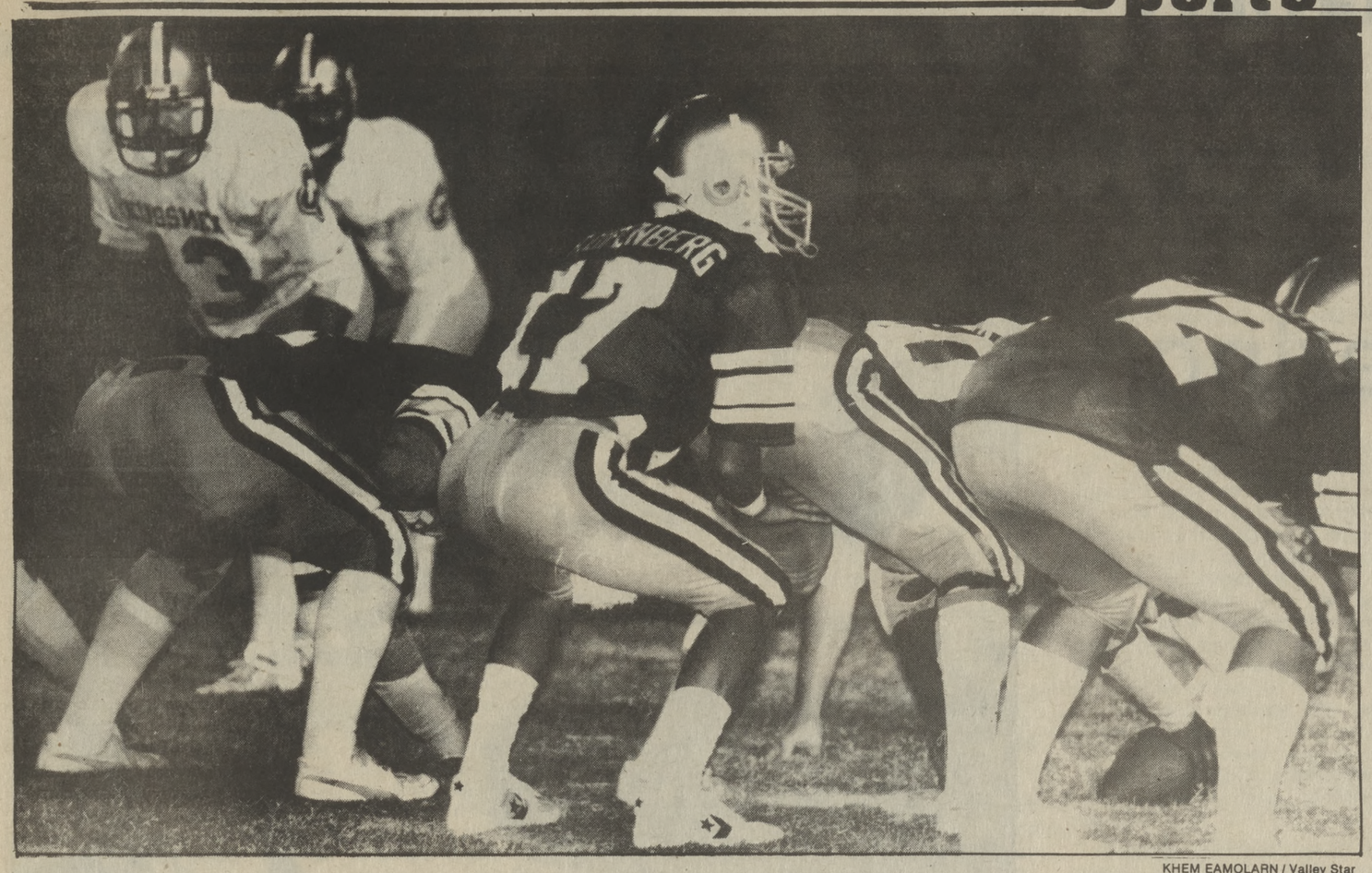


Sabrina Maynard, N.S., prepares a medication.



Anna Cuzic, N.S., Mary Lou Davis, nursing instructor, and Laurie Thompson, N.S., review charts and procedures.



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LOOKING IT OVER—John Laufenberg dispelled any doubts about his passing ability Saturday night when he completed 10 for 15 passes for 125 yards.

Monarchs roar over Lutheran

By MARK YUKELSON, Staff Writer

Valley opened the 1984 football season positively with a convincing 33-6 win over Cal Lutheran Saturday night.

The Monarchs scored early when starting quarterback John Laufenberg hit wide receiver Mike Salerno with a touchdown pass only 59 seconds into the first quarter.

Any questions about Laufenberg being perhaps too short to be an effective passer were answered, as he completed 10 of 15 passes for 125 yards and looked very impressive to the coaches.

Salerno was chosen the offensive player of the week with two receptions for two touchdowns and 61 total yards.

By the second quarter, head coach Chuck Ferrero played the second and third string teams, who held the JV's to only one touchdown minus the extra point.

The Valley defense was almost flawless. Defensive players of the week, according to Ferrero, were Alan Greer with six unassisted tackles and three forced plays, resulting in lost yardage, and linebacker Clark Watson, who forced a fumble on a kickoff and recovered another.

On the night, the Monarchs gained 331 total yards, 171 passing and 160 rushing. They averaged 6.76 yards per offensive play and achieved a 44 yard punting average with two punters, Donald Cruse and Shane Griffin.

After the game, Ferrero said, "Besides some freshman mistakes, I was very pleased with the team's performance."

With 9:11 left in the second quarter a blown main fuse caused a temporary outage of the lights, but the performance of the team was not affected, according to Ferrero.

Valley's next game is against Glendale College at Glendale High School this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Cruz coasts to cross-country win

By MARC PROVAL, Staff Writer

Three days before cross-country coach Mark Covert was to venture with his team to the Moorpark Invitational Meet, he calmly predicted that his prize runner, Eugene Benito Cruz, would win the four-mile race by 30 seconds.

Cruz did not win the race by 30 seconds; he won by 28. Sorry about that, coach.

Unfortunately, the rest of Covert's distance runners did not fare as well as Cruz.

Valley placed eleventh in a strong 21-team field which included powerhouse Orange Coast, perennial champion Grossmount, and eventual winner of the meet, L.A. Trade Tech.

"Right now we are not very good. . .some people are not running up to their potential," said Covert.

He should not be disappointed with his two female runners, Sandra Martinez and Gretchen Lohr. Both ran exceptionally well, placing seventh and eighth respectively.

The big story of the day was Cruz. The confident runner led from start to finish and was never in trouble of losing the race.

"I've been working on this race for a month and a half." said Cruz, "I wanted to get out fast and run everyone into the ground. I did what I had to do."

Was Cruz satisfied with the race? "Winning makes it satisfying. But last year I ran a 19:56." said Cruz.

Cruz's winning time this year was 20 minutes, easily outdistancing second-place finisher Darren Near of Citrus with a time of 20:28.

Cruz appears ready for the upcoming Mountain Valley Conference season.

Covert agrees, saying, "Eugene is ready for state competition...we (the rest of the team) need to work."

HOLLY ETHRIDGE / Valley Star

HEADING FOR HOME—Gretchen Lohr was a tough act to follow at the Moorpark Cross-Country Invitational.

Water polo team 1-3

By DAVID FROST, Staff Writer

It is always good to end things on a positive note, and Valley's water polo team did just that in a two-day tournament held at Ventura College on Sept. 14 and 15.

Though they started the tournament by losing their first three games, they returned to soundly defeat cross-town rival Pierce College 12-8.

The first game was against Orange Coast College, and Valley played with what Coach Bill Krauss described as "great intensity." While losing 10-7, they played a fast-paced, high-pressure game, with Keith Lutge scoring four goals.

Valley's intensity lagged in the next two games, as they went on to lose to Sequoia College 16-3, and Citrus College 10-2.

"They have a lot of good players on the Orange Coast team, and I was very pleased even though we didn't beat them. We played a really good game.

"But Sequoia bombed us. We need to get in better shape, so they just outswam us. Versus Citrus we had a terrible second quarter and we were never in the game after that."

Experience was the key to Valley's domination of Pierce. A relentless scoring attack led by Derek Enochs, who scored 5 goals, and Keith Lutge, who scored 3 goals, put Valley on top. Tough defensive work from Kirk Klotther kept them there.

In addition, strong offensive playing from Dave Fox, and key saves by goalie Sean Connick proved to be invaluable.

"We did several things differently in this game," said Krauss. "We reacted quicker to the flags, and were able to get people open. Other people started scoring besides Keith Lutge. Plus we finally started scoring on our 6-on-5's."

This win is good news for Valley in regard to inter-conference play, according to Krauss. The team plays Pierce twice this season, and will go into the games knowing that they have the capability of beating them.

Covert: Still running after all these years

By KEN McCALL, Staff Writer

"The streak is still going," said Los Angeles Valley College track and cross-country coach Mark Covert with a wry smile. "But I would have to say it's not a real mark of intelligence."

Covert was speaking of his streak of 16 years and two months of consecutive days that he has run.

"I enjoy training, I guess that's my problem," he joked. "It's like some people get up and go to the can. Well I get up and run."

Covert, who is 33, started his streak the summer after he graduated from high school. He's been running ever since.

"You know, everybody has something that they do," he said, "I just happen to run every day."

Covert said his minimum workout is three miles, but over the duration of the streak he has averaged 95 miles a week, or about 13 miles a day.

Although he calls himself fortunate not to have had any major illnesses, he hasn't exactly been in the peak of health all the time either.

"One day I had the flu real bad and I went into the emergency room in the hospital after a run," he said. "They put me on an I.V. for about five hours and they wanted me to stay overnight, but I started to get concerned about the streak and I told them I felt better. I went home that night and ran the next morning."

"Then about three years ago I broke my foot and I ran every day," he said matter-of-factly. "I just put an army boot on and laced it up as tight as I could, kind of like a cast, and went out and ran with it."

Covert admits that the streak has taken its toll.

"Instead of six weeks, it took 12 weeks to heal in that case," he said. "I've had torn and strained muscles and ligaments, I've had tendonitis and bursitis and whatever, but at this point it would have to be a major reason for not to go out and run."

"I'm sure there are many things to do that are smarter than this, he said with a laugh. "I've had people on my teams who have come to me and said they've had a streak for a year or two and I tell them, 'Stop, take a day off.' "

"After a period of time you do get locked in, and if you're still very young and want to compete, there are times when you need to take the time off," he said. "I know that in the long run, this streak probably hurt my competitive career more than it helped it."

But that hasn't stopped him yet.

"I can't imagine ever not running," Covert said. "I suppose the day will come when the streak will end, but I don't talk about it."

Covert's incredible consistency as a runner and coach has unfortunately not been matched by district funding of his teams.

"Our budget has been cut so low that it's an impossible situation," he said. "You never know from year to year if you're going to have a team or a program."

Covert, who has been coaching at Valley for nine years, said that the success of a program is never rewarded and seems to result only in further budget cuts.

"We'll be successful again this year," he said of his teams, "and I assume the budget will be cut again this year."

Covert's teaching assignment at Valley was eliminated three years ago and he has since taken another job selling construction products. He said his coaching salary must also pay for his assistants and that a "tremendous amount" of that goes back into the program because of inadequate funding.

"Unless there's a miracle, this is where I'll be coaching until I get tired of doing it," Covert said. "And here, that could be tomorrow," he added with a laugh. "But, then again, it could be another few years.

"Should the day ever come when I have to choose between my other job and coaching, then there is no choice," he said, "because that job supports my family and this job does not support anything.

"But if I can keep coaching and working with the kids, that'll be fine with me.

"I guess every coach wants to pass on a little of what he's learned. If I can pass on the importance of being consistent and working on it every day and just staying with it, then I've done something."

Sports Line — *By Ronn Crowder*

Quality or quantity ?

The proliferation of big time professional sports has caused a growing problem which could spell doom for many professional sports franchises.

Decreasing ticket sales, usually attributed to mediocre home team performance on the playing field, may also be a result of saturation of professional sports in the market area.

The emergence of the United States Football League (USFL) has caused a bidding war with the National Football League (NFL) for premier collegiate players.

In addition, the quality of play in both leagues has suffered due to the influx of players who probably would not have made the teams before the advent of the USFL.

With higher ticket prices and poorer quality of play, fan interest is fading in many franchise areas.

As a result, many teams have been forced to move their franchises to new areas, adversely affecting fan loyalty in new locales as well as in areas of well-established teams.

Recently, the L.A. area has been selected as the new home of the NFL's Raiders and the NBA's Clippers.

Local fans face a choice of football, baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey, or many others, must divide their entertainment dollars further now than ever

Gone are the days of seasonal sports. Baseball, which once dominated summer sports, must now share the spotlight with the USFL and the NBA, since the recent expansion of the NBA playoffs to include more teams, thereby adding extra weeks to the playoff schedule.

The NFL and USFL have made football available ten months of the year and are talking of further expansion.

One solution might be to reduce the grueling schedules endured by the athletes. Do we really need 162 games to decide the best baseball team?

Fewer games equates to fewer injured players. More games would sell out with healthy star players.

Attendance would increase without competition from other local professional teams with overlapping seasons.

When box office receipts drop off, sports promoters should take heed. Old adages like "milking it dry" and "killing the golden goose" come to mind. Maybe the fans are trying to tell them something.

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